**Academy of Hope**
3521 Juniper Bay Rd.
Conway, SC 29527

**2015**

# South Carolina State Report Card

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Grades:** | PK-7 Elementary | **Principal:** | Melissa Mccloud |
| **Enrollment:** | 156 students | **Superintendent:** | Dr. Rick Maxey |
| **School Phone:** | 843-397-5719 | **Board Chair:** | Joe DeFeo |
| **School Website:** | http://www.theacademyofhope.org/ | | |

### Profile of the SC Graduate

**World Class Knowledge**
- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences*

**World Class Skills**
- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

**Life and Career Characteristics**
- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.
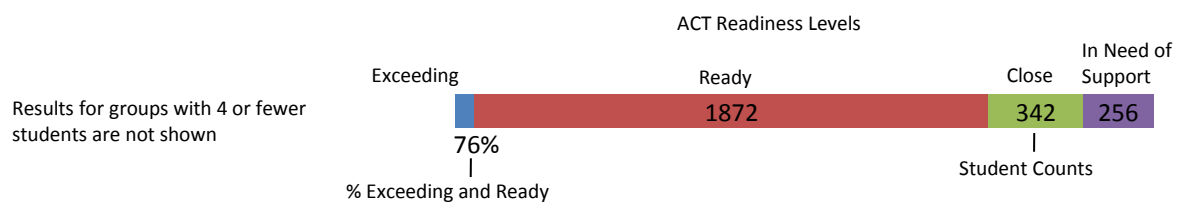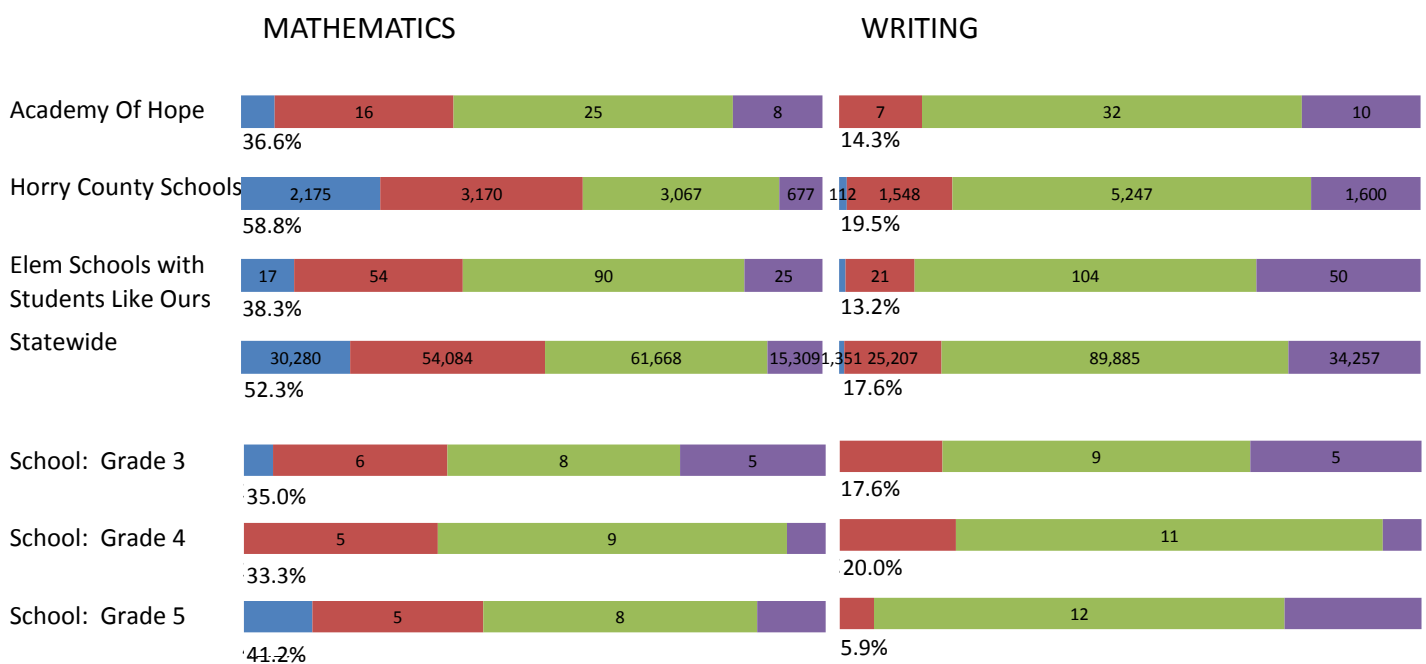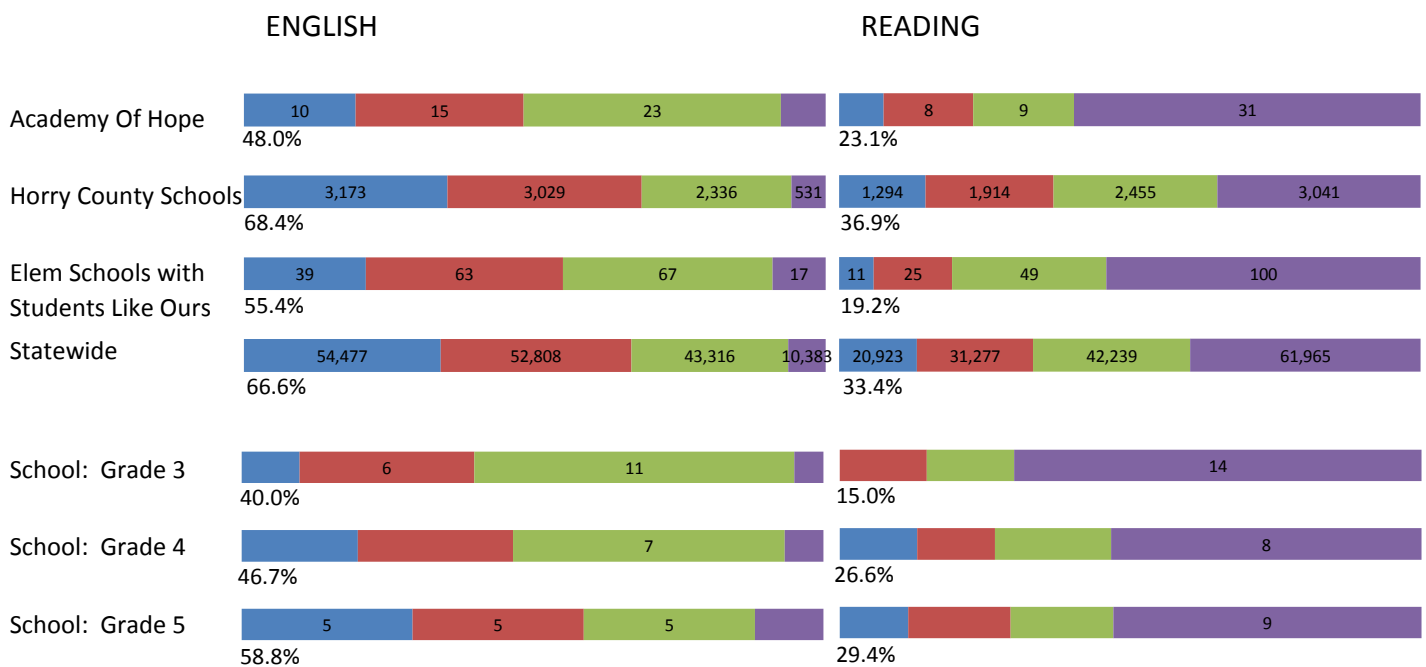
## WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

*Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by …*

Academy of Hope had a wonderful 2014-2015 school year. Deanna Brown was named Teacher of the year.  Under the direction of Waymon Edmonds and Dr. Marvin Keene Our Robotics Program for students in grades 3-6 made it to the State Championship for the second year in a row. Our student chorus was showcased during the annual Spring chorus showcase. This was the first year of the "Meet the Neighbors" Programs. This year, the faculty and staff went out to meet each of our surrounding neighbors. We introduced ourselves and personally distributed fruit baskets as a thank you for supporting Academy of Hope and Horry County Schools.   Students enrolled and completed an additional week of learning by attending intercession school in October which was taught by our dedicated teachers.  Several staff members attended the National Charter Schools Convention (New Orleans, Louisiana). Our amazing school sponsored a blood drive in conjunction with the Red Cross. During the month of February the students made & distributed special hearts for the residents of Agape Nursing Center. We also collected can goods and helped to ensure that 20+ students had  a visit from Santa. Thank you for entrusting us with your children. Lastly, we were approved by the SC Department of Education to become a Licensed CDEP Preschool provider.  We appreciate your support and look forward to another wonderful year!

## KNOWLEDGE

The ACT Aspire assessment was given to students in grades 3-8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Reading, English, Mathematics and Writing

### ENGLISH

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Academy Of Hope | 10 | 15 | 23 | |
| | 48.0% | | | |
| Horry County Schools | 3,173 | 3,029 | 2,336 | 531 |
| | 68.4% | | | |
| Elem Schools with Students Like Ours | 39 | 63 | 67 | 17 |
| | 55.4% | | | |
| Statewide | 54,477 | 52,808 | 43,316 | 10,383 |
| | 66.6% | | | |
| School: Grade 3 | | 6 | 11 | |
| | 40.0% | | | |
| School: Grade 4 | | | 7 | |
| | 46.7% | | | |
| School: Grade 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | |
| | 58.8% | | | |

### READING

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Academy Of Hope | | 8 | 9 | 31 |
| | 23.1% | | | |
| Horry County Schools | 1,294 | 1,914 | 2,455 | 3,041 |
| | 36.9% | | | |
| Elem Schools with Students Like Ours | 11 | 25 | 49 | 100 |
| | 19.2% | | | |
| Statewide | 20,923 | 31,277 | 42,239 | 61,965 |
| | 33.4% | | | |
| School: Grade 3 | | | | 14 |
| | 15.0% | | | |
| School: Grade 4 | | | | 8 |
| | 26.6% | | | |
| School: Grade 5 | | | | 9 |
| | 29.4% | | | |

### MATHEMATICS

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Academy Of Hope | | 16 | 25 | 8 |
| | 36.6% | | | |
| Horry County Schools | 2,175 | 3,170 | 3,067 | 677 |
| | 58.8% | | | |
| Elem Schools with Students Like Ours | 17 | 54 | 90 | 25 |
| | 38.3% | | | |
| Statewide | 30,280 | 54,084 | 61,668 | 15,309 |
| | 52.3% | | | |
| School: Grade 3 | | 6 | 8 | 5 |
| | 35.0% | | | |
| School: Grade 4 | | 5 | 9 | |
| | 33.3% | | | |
| School: Grade 5 | | 5 | 8 | |
| | 41.2% | | | |

### WRITING

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Academy Of Hope | 7 | 32 | 10 |
| | 14.3% | | |
| Horry County Schools | 112 | 1,548 | 5,247 | 1,600 |
| | 19.5% | | |
| Elem Schools with Students Like Ours | 21 | 104 | 50 |
| | 13.2% | | |
| Statewide | 1,351 | 25,207 | 89,885 | 34,257 |
| | 17.6% | | |
| School: Grade 3 | 9 | 5 | |
| | 17.6% | | |
| School: Grade 4 | 11 | | |
| | 20.0% | | |
| School: Grade 5 | 12 | | |
| | 5.9% | | |

ACT Readiness Levels

Results for groups with 4 or fewer students are not shown

| Exceeding | Ready | Close | In Need of Support |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 1872 | 342 | 256 |

76%

| % Exceeding and Ready | | Student Counts |

Abbreviations for Missing Data

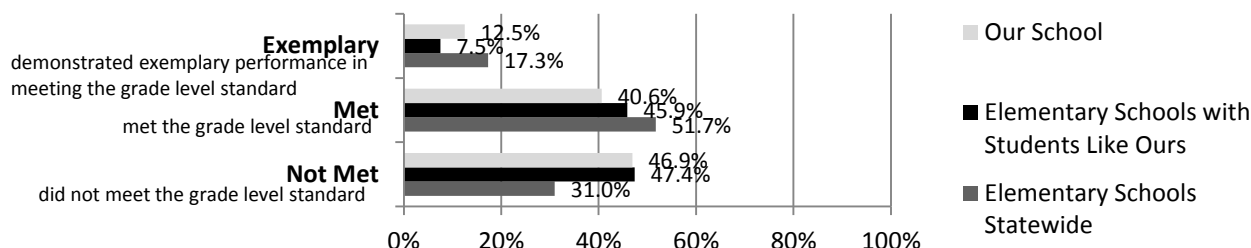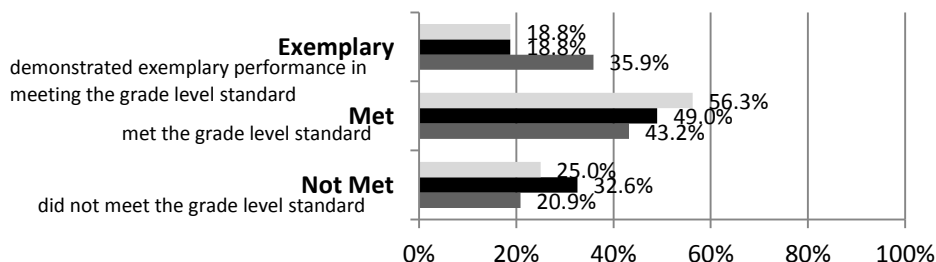N/A-Not Applicable    N/AV-Not Available    N/C-Not Collected    N/R-Not Reported    I/S-Insufficient Sample

## KNOWLEDGE

The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015.  Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

# Science

**Exemplary**
demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard
- 12.5%
- 7.5%
- 17.3%

**Met**
met the grade level standard
- 40.6%
- 45.9%
- 51.7%

**Not Met**
did not meet the grade level standard
- 46.9%
- 47.4%
- 31.0%

Legend:
- ▫ Our School
- ■ Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours
- ▪ Elementary Schools Statewide

# Social Studies

**Exemplary**
demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard
- 18.8%
- 18.8%
- 35.9%

**Met**
met the grade level standard
- 56.3%
- 49.0%
- 43.2%

**Not Met**
did not meet the grade level standard
- 25.0%
- 32.6%
- 20.9%

| Science SCPASS | |
|---|---|
| Our School:  Percent Met and Above for each grade level | |
| 4th grade | 5th grade |
| 26.7 | 76.5 |
| **Social Studies SCPASS** | |
| Our School:  Percent Met and Above for each grade level | |
| 4th grade | 5th grade |
| 86.7 | 64.7 |

Note:  Results include SC-Alt assessment results.

Exemplary    **"Exemplary"**:  student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.

Met    **"Met"**:  student met the grade level standard.

Not Met    **"Not Met"**:  student did not meet the grade level standard.

Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours are elementary schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

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## OPPORTUNITIES

**For students to meet the profile of the SC Graduate**

| | Our School | Change from Last Year | Elementary Schools with students like ours |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Students (n = 156)** | | | |
| Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index) | 89.7 | Up from 86.9% | N/A |
| Attendance Rate | 94.8 | Down from 96.6% | 95.4 |
| With disabilities | 15.5 | Up from 12.3% | 13.1 |
| Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 0.0 | No change | 0.0 |
| Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs | 5.8 | Up from 2.5% | 3.6 |
| Percentage of students retained | 0.0 | Down from 0.8% | 1.5 |
| **Teachers (n = 12)** | | | |
| Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees | 58.3 | Up from 46.7% | 58.6 |
| Percentage of teachers on continuing contract | 83.3 | Up from 60.0% | 75.0 |
| Teachers returning from previous year | 78.8 | N/A | 83.5 |
| Teacher attendance rate | 92.1 | Down from 96.2% | 94.9 |
| Average teacher salary* | $36,750 | Down 4.9% | $46,399 |
| Professional development days / teacher | 12.4 days | Down from 13.8 days | 10.6 days |
| Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks | 10.0 | N/A | 1.5 |
| **School** | | | |
| Principal's years at school | 2.0 | Up from 1.0 | 4.0 |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects | 15.5 to 1 | Up from 12.9 to 1 | 18.9 to 1 |
| Prime instructional time | 86.6 | Down from 92.5% | 89.2 |
| Opportunities in the arts | Poor | No change | Good |
| Opportunities in foreign languages | Good | N/A | Poor |
| AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation | Yes | Up from No | Yes |
| Parents attending conferences | 98.6 | Down from 100.0% | 100.0 |
| Character development program | Good | No change | Excellent |
| Avg. age of books / electronic media in the school library | 15.0 | N/A | 15.6 |
| Number of resources available per student in the school library media center | 25.9 | N/A | 29.7 |
| Bandwidth capacity per student | N/A | N/C | N/A |
| Percent of classrooms with wireless access | N/A | N/C | N/A |
| District-issued learning devices per student | N/A | N/C | 0.8 |
| District-issued technology devices per teacher | N/A | N/C | 2.1 |
| Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers | 19.7 | Up from 0.0% | 0.0 |
| Dollars spent per pupil** | $11,419 | Up 19.4% | $8,324 |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction** | 46.8 | Up from 38.6% | 65.0 |
| Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries** | 48.8 | Up from 39.4% | 66.5 |

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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## OPPORTUNITIES

**Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents**

| Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Number of surveys returned | 15 | 11 | 11 |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 100.0 | 90.9 | 100.0 |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations | 93.3 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

* Only students at the highest elementary school grade and their parents were included.

**State Ratings History of School**

| Year | Absolute Rating | Growth Rating |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 2014 | Below Average | Average |
| 2013 | Average | Excellent |
| 2012 | Below Average | At-Risk |

Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

**Additional Resources**

SC State Content Standards

Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards

2014-15 Accountability Manual

Report Card Data Files

ESEA Data Files

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